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The Story of Cupid and Psyche

In the ancient days there lived in Greece a king who had three daughters. Psyche, the youngest daughter, was of remarkable beauty.

When she passed through the streets people threw down flowers for her to walk on. They worshipped her. But when the time came for her to marry, the king was commanded by a mysterious voice to take her to a wild mountain and leave her there.

"Alas!" cried the people. "Our lovely Psyche is about to be sacrificed!"

And so, indeed, she was. The people had said that Psyche was more beautiful than Venus herself. Now, Venus was the Spirit of Beauty, and, though what the people said was true, Venus was very angry. She had a son named Cupid, who was the Spirit of Love, and she bade him marry Psyche to the ugliest creature on earth.

So when Psyche was placed on the mountain a wind fairy came and carried her to a strange place. There the maiden was waited on by unseen spirits, who played sweet music and served her with delicious food. But in the dark night someone came and spoke tenderly to her and she fell in love with him and consented to be his wife. Then he said:

"Psyche, you may do what you will in this palace which I have built for you. But one thing you must not do. You must not try to see my face."

He was very sweet and kind to her, but as he came only in the night time, Psyche felt very lonely in the day time. One day the wind fairy brought her sisters to see her and they made her very unhappy. They told her that by command of Venus, Cupid had married her to a monster.

"That's what your husband is," they said. "And that is why he will not let you see his face."

The next night Psyche lighted a lamp and looked at her husband. He was Cupid, the winged and radiant Spirit of Love! In her joy, Psyche tilted the lamp and a drop of hot oil fell on his shoulder and aroused him.

"Ah, Psyche!" he cried. "We must part. My mother will now know that I fell in love with you and instead of mating you to a monster married you myself in secret. Farewell!"

And, spreading out his wings, he flew away. In the morning Psyche bravely set out to follow him, and, after sadly wandering over the world, she came to the palace of Queen Venus. There she remained as a servant, in the hope of seeing Cupid. But Venus recognized her, and, being more angry with her than before, she set her on dangerous tasks in order to bring about her death. Psyche, however, was so gentle and lonely and sorrowful that everything on earth took her part and helped her.

"Take the Golden Casket to the Queen of the Dead," she said, "and ask her to fill it with the magic ointment of beauty."

Psyche knew that no mortal had ever returned from the Land of the Dead, and in her despair she climbed a tower to throw herself down and die. But the very stones took pity upon her, and said:

"Do not despair. You will find a way to the Land of the Dead on Mount Tartarus. Go there, and take two copper coins in your mouth and two honey cakes in your hands."

Psyche gladly did so. She came to the Land of the Dead,

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and a ghostly ferryman ferried her over the River of Death, and took one of her copper coins.

Then a horrible dog with three heads sprang at her, but she fed him with a honey cake, and he let her pass. The Queen of the Dead filled the golden casket and by means of the last honey cake

and the last copper coin Psyche returned to the green, bright earth.

She then opened the casket to see what was inside. Alas, this is just what Venus had expected she would do. The casket was full of poisonous vapor. This vapor rushed up into Psyche's

The Colonel's Writes and Lefts

Henry Clay said: "It is better to be right than president" without ever getting the chance to try being both. Why can't Col. Roosevelt make a transposition and say, after two terms in the presidency and a hunting trip to Africa, that it is better to write than be president? According to statements emanating from his publishers, his royalties on the book called "African Game Trails" have already yielded him \$635,000, and the end is not yet. He was put to practically no expense in making the trip, the Smithsonian Institution, supported by the government, having accredited him as its agent in zoological and biological discovery. His net earnings may already be safely set down as \$625,000, and it can be assumed, with equal safety, that they will not fall short of three-quarters of a million.

But the question remains: Why can not the Colonel think and say it is better to write than be president? If he had never been president we should not press the question, and if he had never been president for two terms we should not even think it a proper one to ask. Any man who has never been president is not to be condemned for putting a desire to serve his country in that high place above all other desire. And a man who has served as president but one term is not to be condemned for hoping and asking that his fellow-citizens shall approve his work done by them, by a reelection. But when a man, after serving two terms, steps out of the office and makes, by writing, a quarter of a million dollars more money, in less than a year than he made in all of the years he passed in the White House, the question forces itself more and more of why a man should not say to the people that it is better to write than to try to be president longer than any other man ever has been.

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face and overcame her, and she fell down on the grass. But Cupid had been watching her in all her trials, and he now flew to her aid and wiped the vapor from her face. Then, taking her in his arms, he spread out his wings and carried her up to the Land of Immortality. And there they still live together in unending joy.

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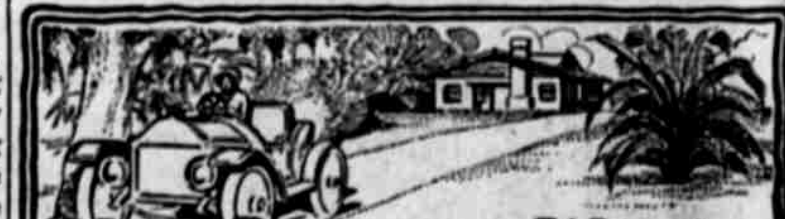
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